

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE amending the Bellevue Land Use Code for consistency with the new Shoreline Master Program and Shoreline Overlay District (Part 20.25E LUC); amending Sections 20.10.060 (Interpretation of map boundaries); 20.10.400 (Use chart described – interpretation); 20.10.420 (Interpretation of land use charts by Director); 20.10.440 (Land Use Charts – Services, Recreation, Resources); 20.20.010 (Dimensional Requirements Charts); 20.20.018 (Variation in minimum requirements – Area, width, depth); 20.20.020 (Land Use Charts); 20.20.025 (Intrusions into required setbacks); 20.20.128 (Affordable Housing); 20.20.255 (Electrical utility facilities); 20.20.560 (Nonconforming structures, uses and sites); 20.20.460 (Impervious surface); 20.20.840 (Subordinate Uses); Chapter 20.25 (Special and Overlay Districts, Table of Sections); 20.25H.025 (Designation of critical areas); 20.25H.035 (Critical area buffers and structure setbacks); 20.25H.050 (Uses and development in the Critical Areas Overlay District); 20.25H.055 (Uses and development allowed within critical areas – Performance standards); 20.25H.065 (Uses and development within critical area buffer or critical area structure setback not allowed pursuant to LUC 20.25H.055); 20.25H.075 (Designation of critical area and buffers); 20.25H.115 (Designation of critical area and buffers); 20.25H.118 (Mitigation and monitoring – Additional provisions); 20.25H.119 (Critical areas report – Additional provisions); 20.25H.150 (Designation of critical area); 20.25H.155 (Uses in habitat for species of local importance); 20.25H.210 (Applicability); 20.25H.220 (Mitigation and restoration plan requirements); 20.25H.230 (Critical areas report – Purpose); 20.25H.240 (Critical areas report – Limitation on modifications); 20.25M.010 (Light Rail Overlay District – General); 20.25M.030 (Light Rail Overlay District – Required Permits); Chapter 20.30 (Permits and Decisions – Shoreline Conditional Use Permit, Variance to the Shoreline Master Program, Shoreline Substantial Development Permit); Chapter 20.35 (Review and Appeal Procedures: 20.35.015 - Framework for decisions; 20.35.020 – Pre-application conferences; 20.35.070 – Appeal of City land use decisions to Superior Court; 20.35.150 – Appeal of Hearing Examiner decision; 20.35.200 – Process II: Administrative decisions; 20.35.210 – Notice of application; 20.35.250 – Appeal of Process II decisions); 20.40.500 (Vesting and expiration of vested status of land use permits and approvals); 20.50.010 (A Definitions); 20.50.012 (B definitions); 20.50.014 (C Definitions); 20.50.016 (D Definitions); 20.50.020 (F Definitions) and 20.50.046 (S Definitions); providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.

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WHEREAS, the Bellevue City Council has by separate Ordinance created a new Part 20.25E in the Bellevue Land Use Code providing for the use and development of properties located within the Shoreline Overlay District; and

WHEREAS, amendments to other sections of the Land Use Code are necessary to provide appropriate cross-referencing and avoid conflicts; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on December 11, 2013 after providing the legally required notice, with regard to the Land Use Code amendment proposed herein; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the proposed conformance and consistency amendments meet the decision criteria of LUC 20.30J.135 and are consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, enhance the public health, safety, and welfare, and are not contrary to the best interest of the citizens and property owners of the City of Bellevue, as more completely analyzed in the Staff Report for the amendment dated _____; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bellevue has complied with the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), Chapter 43.21C RCW, and the City's Environmental Procedures Code, BCC 22.02; now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 20.10.060 of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended by the addition of a note below each chart to read as follows:

20.10.060 Interpretation of map boundaries.

When uncertainty exists as to the boundaries of any use district established on the City's land use map(s), the following rules of construction shall apply:

- A. Where district boundaries are indicated as approximately following the centerline of streets, alleys or highways, the actual centerline shall be construed to be the boundary.
- B. Where district boundaries are indicated as running approximately parallel to the centerline of a street, the boundary line shall be construed to be parallel to the centerline of the street.
- C. Where district boundaries are indicated as approximately following lot or tract lines, the actual lot or tract lines shall be construed to be the boundary lines of such use district.
- D. Unmapped shorelands shall automatically be assigned an Urban Conservancy environment designation.
- E. Where a public street or alley is officially vacated or abandoned, the regulations applicable to the abutting property to which the vacated portion shall revert, shall apply to such vacated or abandoned street or alley.

- F. In case uncertainty exists which cannot be determined by application of the foregoing rules, the Planning Commission shall recommend, and the City Council shall determine, the location of such use district boundaries.
- G. Shoreline Overlay (S-O) District boundaries are as described in LUC 20.25E.010.C.1, and, with the exception of paragraph D above, are not subject to these rules of construction.

Section 2. Section 20.10.400 of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

20.10.400 Use chart described – Interpretation

(Note: LUC 20.10.400 is not applicable in the Shoreline Overlay District).

In chart 20.10.440, land use classifications and standard Land Use Code reference numbers are listed on the vertical axis. City of Bellevue land use districts are shown on the horizontal axis.

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Section 3. Section 20.10.420 of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

20.10.420 Interpretation of land use charts by Director.

(Note: LUC 20.10.420 is not applicable in the Shoreline Overlay District).

- A. Director's Authority. In the case of a question as to the inclusion or exclusion of a particular proposed use in a particular use category, the Director shall have the authority to make the final determination. The Director shall make the determination according to the characteristics of the operation of the proposed use and based upon the Director's interpretation of the Standard Land Use Coding Manual, the Standard Industrial Classification Manual and the North American Industry Classification System.

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Section 4. Section 20.10.440 (Land Use Charts) of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended by the addition of a note below each chart to read as follows:

Permitted uses in the Shoreline Overlay District are listed in LUC 20.25E.020.

Section 5. Section 20.10.440 (Land Use Charts – Services) of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended to revise Note 14 to read as follows:

- (14) These uses are permitted only in Bellevue School District schools, whether under control of the School District or the City.

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- (a) In the review of the proposed use or uses under the Administrative Conditional Use Permit application, Part 20.30E LUC, the following criteria shall be considered:
 - (i) Consistency of the proposal with the goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan.
 - (ii) Extent to which the physical environment will be modified by the proposal.
 - (iii) Ability to provide on-site parking facilities to accommodate intended uses under the proposal.
 - (iv) Extent of additional demand on public utilities and public services resulting from the proposal.
 - (v) Noise impacts of the proposal.
 - (vi) Traffic volumes and street classifications in the area of the proposal.
 - (vii) Compatibility of the proposal with surrounding land uses.
 - (viii) Impact of the proposal on the visual and aesthetic character of the neighborhood.

In addition, the proposed use or uses shall not be more intensive than if the school were being used as a school.

- (b) A master Conditional Use Permit listing a range of permissible uses from those permitted in the land use district as listed in LUC 20.10.440 can be obtained for the entire school by using the conditional use process, Part 20.30B or LUC 20.25E.150 and .180. Uses listed in the permit shall be permitted outright and uses not listed but permitted as conditional uses shall obtain a Conditional Use Permit.

Section 6. Section 20.10.440 (Land Use Charts – Recreation) is hereby amended to revise the following use listing in all land use charts (Residential Districts, Nonresidential Districts, and Downtown Districts):

744 Yacht Clubs

Section 7. Section 20.10.440 (Land Use Charts – Recreation) is hereby amended to revise Note 10 to read as follows:

- *(10) City parks are generally permitted in all zones. However, the following types of uses or facilities in City parks in single-family or R-10 zones require conditional use approval: lighted sports and play fields, sports and play fields with amplified sound, and community recreation centers, motorized boat ramps, beach parks, marinas, yacht clubs, and community clubs, on Lake Washington, Lake Sammamish, Phantom Lake and Larson Lake. Nonrecreation uses in City parks in all zones outside the Downtown require conditional use approval, except that the permit requirements for wireless communication facilities shall be as set forth in LUC 20.20.195. For purposes of this requirement, “nonrecreation use” means a commercial, social service or residential use located on park property but not functionally related to City park programs and activities.

- * Not effective within the jurisdiction of the East Bellevue Community Council.

Section 8. Section 20.10.440 (Land Use Charts – Resources) is hereby amended to delete the following use listing from all land use charts (Residential Districts, Nonresidential Districts, and Downtown Districts):

8421 Fish Hatcheries

Section 9. Section 20.20.010 (Residential Dimensional Requirements Chart) of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended by the addition of a Note (46), attached to the “Minimum Greenscape Percentage of Front Yard Setback” dimensional requirement in the Residential chart, to read as follows:

(46) Not applicable to properties located in Shoreline Overlay Districts and which have shoreline frontage. For Greenscape requirements applicable to such properties, see LUC 20.25E.065.F.

Section 10. Section 20.20.010 (Dimensional Requirements Charts) of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended by the addition of a note below each chart to read as follows:

Additional Dimensional Requirements for Shoreline Overlay Districts are found in Part 20.25E LUC.

Section 11. Section 20.20.018 of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

20.20.018 Variation in minimum requirements – Area, width and depth.

Except as set forth in LUC 20.20.017 above, in no case may the Director or any other hearing body vary the minimum requirements for minimum lot area, width of street frontage, width required in lot or depth required in lot, as stated in Chart 20.20.010, by more than 10 percent; except that this section shall not apply to planned unit developments, Part 20.30D LUC, conservation subdivisions, LUC 20.45A.060, or conservation short subdivisions, LUC 20.45B.055. See Part 20.30G LUC relating to variances from the Land Use Code and Part 20.25E LUC relating to variances from the Shoreline Master Program.

Section 12. Section 20.20.020 (Land Use Charts) of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended by the addition of a note below each chart to read as follows:

Additional Dimensional Requirements for the Shoreline Overlay District are found in Part 20.25E.

Section 13. Section 20.20.025 of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

20.20.025 Intrusions into required setbacks

(Note: LUC 20.20.025 is not applicable in the Shoreline Overlay District).

A. Signs, Marquees and Awnings.

See Sign Code, Chapter 22B.10 BCC.

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Section 14. Section 20.20.128.C.3 of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

20.20.128.C Affordable housing.

C. Dimensional Standard Modification.

The following requirements of the Land Use Code may be modified through the procedures outlined in paragraph D of this section, to the extent necessary to accommodate affordable housing units and bonus units on-site.

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3. Building Height. Except in Transition Areas and the Shoreline Overlay District, the maximum building height in R-10, R-15, R-20 and R-30 Zoning Districts may be increased by up to six feet for those portions of the building(s) at least 20 feet from any property line.

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Section 15. Section 20.20.255.B of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

20.20.255.B Electrical utility facilities.

B. Applicability.

This section applies to all proposals for new or expanding electrical utility facilities as defined in LUC 20.50.018. Additional requirements applicable to Electrical utility facilities located within the Shoreline Overlay District are provided in Part 20.25E LUC.

Section 16. Section 20.20.460.C of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

20.20.460 Impervious surface.

C. Modifications to Impervious Surface Limits.

The impervious surface limits contained in LUC 20.20.010 and Chapter 20.25 LUC may be modified pursuant to a critical areas report, LUC 20.25H.230, so long as the critical areas report demonstrates that the effective impervious surface on the site does not exceed the limit established in LUC 20.20.010 and Chapter 20.25 LUC, provided, that impervious limits within the Shoreline Overlay District may be modified pursuant to a Shoreline Special Report or Shoreline Variance, as provided for by LUC 20.25E.050.C.2.

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Section 17. Section 20.20.560.E of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

20.20.560.E Nonconforming structures, uses and sites.

E. Exceptions.

1. Downtown. The provisions of this section shall not apply in the Downtown Special Overlay District, Part 20.25A LUC. Refer to LUC 20.25A.025 for the requirements for nonconforming uses, structures, and sites located within the Downtown Special Overlay District.
2. Critical Areas Overlay District. The provisions of this section do not apply to structures or sites nonconforming to the requirements of Part 20.25H LUC. Refer to LUC 20.25H.065 for the requirements for such nonconforming structures and sites.
3. Shoreline Overlay District. The provisions of this section do not apply to uses, structures or sites nonconforming to the requirements of Part 20.25E LUC. Refer to LUC 20.25E.040 and .065.I for the requirements for such nonconforming uses, structures and sites.
4. Bel-Red (BR) Land Use Districts. The provisions of this section do not apply to uses, structures, or sites located in the Bel-Red Land Use Districts. For uses in the Bel-Red Land Use Districts established before May 26, 2009, refer to the existing conditions regulations in LUC 20.25D.060.

Section 18. Section 20.20.840 of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

20.20.840 Subordinate Uses.

(Note: LUC 20.20.840 is not applicable in the Shoreline Overlay District).

A. Purpose.

The purpose of this section is to provide performance standards for subordinate uses, as defined in LUC 20.50.046.

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Section 19. Chapter 20.25 – Special and Overlay Districts, Table of Sections, Part 20.25E, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Part 20.25E Shoreline Overlay District

20.25E.010	General
20.25E.020	Shoreline Uses Described
20.25E.040	Nonconforming Shoreline Conditions
20.25E.050	Dimensional Requirements
20.25E.060	General Requirements Applicable to All Shoreline Development and Uses
20.25E.065	Residential Shoreline Regulations
20.25E.070	Specific Use Regulations
20.25E.080	Shoreline Modifications
20.25E.100	Review and Appeal Procedures
20.25E.110	Shoreline Process I – Quasi Judicial Decisions
20.25E.120	Shoreline Process II – Administrative Decisions
20.25E.130	Shoreline Process III – Ministerial Decisions
20.25E.140	Legislative Non-Project Actions
20.25E.150	Shoreline Project Permits
20.25E.160	Shoreline Substantial Permits
20.25E.170	Exemptions from Shoreline Substantial Development Permits – Letter of Exemption Required
20.25E.180	Shoreline Conditional Use Permits
20.25E.190	Variances to the Shoreline Master Program
20.25E.200	Amendments to the Text of the Shoreline Master Program
20.25E.250	Administration
20.25E.260	Enforcement
20.25E.270	Interpretation
20.25E.280	Definitions

Section 20. Section 20.25H.025 of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

20.25H.025 Designation of critical areas.

The following areas are hereby designated as critical areas. For additional information about identifying each critical area, see the specific sections noted.

Critical Area Category or Type	Additional Information Identifying Critical Area
Streams	
Type S water	LUC 20.25H.075
Type F water	LUC 20.25H.075

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Type N water	LUC 20.25H.075
Type O water	LUC 20.25H.075
Closed segment, regardless of type; Kelsey Creek drainage basin	LUC 20.25H.075
Closed segment, regardless of type; all other drainage basins	LUC 20.25H.075
Wetlands	
Category I	LUC 20.25H.095
Category II	LUC 20.25H.095
Category III	LUC 20.25H.095
Category IV over 2,500 square feet	LUC 20.25H.095
Geologic Hazard Areas	
Landslide hazards	LUC 20.25H.120
Steep slopes	LUC 20.25H.120
Coal mine hazard areas	LUC 20.25H.120
Habitat Associated with Species of Local Importance	
Habitat associated with species of local importance	LUC 20.25H.150
Areas of Special Flood Hazard	
Areas of special flood hazard	LUC 20.25H.175

Section 21. Section 20.25H.035.A of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

20.25H.035(A) Critical area buffers and structure setbacks.

A. Critical Area Buffer.

The following critical area buffers and structure setbacks are established for each critical area set forth below. For information about modifying required critical area buffers and structure setbacks, see the referenced sections noted in the table.

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Critical Area Category or Type	Critical Area Buffer Width		Structure Setback		Modification of Buffer or Setback
Streams					
	Undeveloped Site ¹	Developed Site ¹	Undeveloped Site ¹	Developed Site ¹	
Type S water	100 ft	50 ft	20 ft	50 ft	LUC 20.25H.075 LUC 20.25H.230
Type F water	100 ft	50 ft	20 ft	50 ft	LUC 20.25H.075 LUC 20.25H.230
Type N water	50 ft	25 ft	15 ft	25 ft	LUC 20.25H.075 LUC 20.25H.230
Type O water	25 ft	25 ft	10 ft	None	LUC 20.25H.075 LUC 20.25H.230
Closed segment, regardless of type; Kelsey Creek drainage basin	None	None	50 ft or combined buffer and structure setback required for stream type, whichever is less	50 ft or combined buffer and structure setback required for stream type, whichever is less	LUC 20.25H.075 LUC 20.25H.230
Closed segment, regardless of type; all other drainage basins	None	None	10 ft	10 ft	LUC 20.25H.075 LUC 20.25H.230
Wetlands					
	Undeveloped Site ²	Developed Site ²	Undeveloped Site ²	Developed Site ²	
Category I		As established through previously approved and recorded NGPA or NGPE for wetland	20 ft	20 ft from edge of previously approved and recorded NGPA or NGPE	LUC 20.25H.095 LUC 20.25H.230
Natural heritage wetland	190 ft				
Bogs	190 ft				
Forested wetland	Based on score for habitat or water quality				
Habitat score of 29 to 36	225 ft				
Habitat score of 20 to	110 ft				

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Water quality score of 24 to 32 and habitat score of less than 20	75 ft				
All others	75 ft				
Category II		As established through previously approved and recorded NGPA or NGPE for wetland	20 ft	20 ft from edge of previously approved and recorded NGPA or NGPE	LUC 20.25H.095 LUC 20.25H.230
Habitat score of 29 to 36	225 ft				
Habitat score of 20 to 28	110 ft				
Water quality score of 24 to 32 and habitat score of less than 20	75 ft				
All others	75 ft				
Category III		As established through previously approved and recorded NGPA or NGPE for wetland	15 ft	15 ft from edge of previously approved and recorded NGPA or NGPE	LUC 20.25H.095 LUC 20.25H.230
Habitat score of 20 to 28	110 ft				
All others	60 ft				
Category IV over 2,500 square feet		As established through previously approved and recorded NGPA or NGPE for wetland	None	None	LUC 20.25H.095 LUC 20.25H.230
All	40 ft				
Geologic Hazard Areas					
Landslide hazards	Toe-of-slope: None		Toe-of-slope: 75 ft		LUC 20.25H.120 LUC 20.25H.230
	Top-of-slope: 50 ft		Top-of-slope: None		
Steep slopes	Toe-of-slope: None		Toe-of-slope: 75 ft		LUC 20.25H.120 LUC 20.25H.230
	Top-of-slope: 50 ft		Top-of-slope: None		
Coal mine hazard	See LUC 20.25H.130		See LUC 20.25.130		LUC 20.25H.120

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areas			LUC 20.25H.230
Habitat Associated with Species of Local Importance			
Habitat associated with species of local importance	Only if required for known species on site	None	N/A
Naturally occurring ponds with no other critical area designation	35 ft	None	LUC 20.25H.230
Areas of Special Flood Hazard			
Areas of special flood hazard	None	None	N/A

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- 1 For a definition of “undeveloped site” and “developed site” for sites with streams, see LUC 20.25H.075.C.1.a.
- 2 For a definition of “undeveloped site” and “developed site” for sites with wetlands, see LUC 20.25H.095.C.1.a.

Section 22. Section 20.25H.050 of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

20.25H.050 Uses and development in the Critical Areas Overlay District.

A. Uses.

1. General. The uses established by LUC 20.10.440 for the applicable land use district may be undertaken in the Critical Areas Overlay District as allowed for in the underlying land use district. All development associated with the use shall comply with the provisions of this part.
2. Shorelines. Where the Critical Areas Overlay District and Shoreline Overlay District apply to the same site, the uses established by LUC 20.10.440 for the underlying land use district may be undertaken. Additional uses in the Shoreline Overlay District are set forth in LUC 20.25E.020 and .030. The applicable permitting process to establish the allowed uses within the Shoreline Overlay District is set forth in LUC 20.25E.100-.190. All development associated with the use shall comply with the provisions of this part and Part 20.25E LUC.

B. Development.

1. Coal Mine Hazard Areas and Habitat Associated with Species of Local Importance. The coal mine hazard areas and habitat associated with species of local importance designated as critical areas by this part do not include absolute restrictions on development or activity. Instead, uses allowed under subsection A of this section may be undertaken in such critical areas, so long as the performance standards of LUC 20.25H.130 (coal mine hazard areas) or LUC 20.25H.160 (habitat associated with species of local importance) are satisfied.
2. Other Critical Areas. Except as set forth in subsection B.1 of this section, all development, use, land alteration or other activity within the Critical Areas Overlay District shall be located outside of the critical area and the critical area buffer, unless such use or development is allowed pursuant to the following:
 - a. Uses and development allowed within critical area or critical area buffer, see LUC 20.25H.055;
 - b. Critical area buffer modifications for the following critical areas:
 - i. Streams, see LUC 20.25H.075;
 - ii. Wetlands, see LUC 20.25H.095;
 - iii. Geologic hazards, see LUC 20.25H.120.

- c. Uses and development in the area of special flood hazard, see LUC 20.25H.180;
- d. Modifications where allowed through a critical areas report, see LUC 20.25H.230;
- e. Reasonable use exceptions, see LUC 20.25H.190;
- f. Variances, see Part 20.30G and 20.30H LUC; or
- g. Shoreline-specific uses and development, where allowed within the Shoreline Overlay District, see Part 20.25E LUC.

C. No Modification.

The critical areas report may not be used to modify the uses allowed in the Critical Areas Overlay District as set forth in LUC 20.10.440; nor the provisions of this section.

Section 23. Section 20.25H.055.B of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

20.25H.055(B) Uses and development allowed within critical areas – Performance standards.

B. Uses and Development Allowed within Critical Areas.

The following chart lists uses and development that may be allowed in a critical area, critical area buffer, or critical area structure setback. The sections noted in the chart for each use or activity and critical area refer to the applicable performance standards that must be met.

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		Type of Critical Area				
		Streams	Wetlands		Geologic Hazard Areas ⁷	Areas of Special Flood Hazard
Allowed Use or Development	Repair and maintenance of parks and parks facilities, including trails ^{1, 2}	20.25H.055.C.1 20.25H.080.A	20.25H.055.C.1 20.25H.100		20.25H.055.C.1 20.25H.125	20.25H.055.C.1 20.25H.180.C 20.25H.180.D.2
	Repair and maintenance of utility facilities, utility systems, stormwater facilities and essential public facilities ^{1, 2}	20.25H.055.C.1 20.25H.080.A	20.25H.055.C.1 20.25H.100		20.25H.055.C.1 20.25H.125	20.25H.055.C.1 20.25H.180.C
	Repair and maintenance of public rights-of-way, private roads, access easements, surface parking areas, and driveways ^{1, 2}	20.25H.055.C.1 20.25H.080.A	20.25H.055.C.1 20.25H.100		20.25H.055.C.1 20.25H.125	20.25H.055.C.1 20.25H.180.C
	Repair and maintenance of bridges and culverts ^{1, 2}	20.25H.055.C.1 20.25H.080.A	20.25H.055.C.1 20.25H.100		20.25H.055.C.1 20.25H.125	20.25H.055.C.1 20.25H.180.C
	Construction staging ^{1, 2, 11}	20.25H.055.C.1 20.25H.080.A	20.25H.055.C.1 20.25H.100		20.25H.055.C.1 20.25H.125	20.25H.055.C.1 20.25H.180.C
	Existing agricultural activities ²	20.25H.055.C.1 20.25H.055.C.3.a 20.25H.080.A	20.25H.055.C.1 20.25H.055.C.3.a 20.25H.100		20.25H.055.C.1 20.25H.055.C.3.a 20.25H.125	20.25H.055.C.1 20.25H.055.C.3.a 20.25H.180.C
	Emergency actions	20.25H.055.C.3.b	20.25H.055.C.3.b		20.25H.055.C.3.b	20.25H.055.C.3.b
	New or expanded utility facilities, utility systems, stormwater facilities ³	20.25H.055.C.2 20.25H.080.A 20.25H.080.B	20.25H.055.C.2 20.25H.100		20.25H.055.C.2 20.25H.125	20.25H.055.C.2 20.25H.180.C
	New or expanded essential public facilities (12)	20.25H.055.C.2 20.25H.080.A 20.25H.080.B	20.25H.055.C.2 20.25H.100		20.25H.055.C.2 20.25H.125	20.25H.055.C.2 20.25H.180.C 20.25H.180.D.3
Allowed Use or	Public flood protection	20.25H.055.C.2 20.25H.055.C.3.c	20.25H.055.C.2 20.25H.055.C.3.c		20.25H.055.C.2 20.25H.055.C.3.c	20.25H.055.C.2 20.25H.055.C.3.c

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Development	measures ⁴	20.25H.080.A 20.25H.080.B	20.25H.100		20.25H.125	20.25H.180.C 20.25H.180.D.5
	Instream structures ⁵	20.25H.055.C.2 20.25H.055.C.3.d 20.25H.080.A 20.25H.080.B	20.25H.055.C.2 20.25H.055.C.3.d 20.25H.100		20.25H.055.C.2 20.25H.055.C.3.d	20.25H.055.C.2 20.25H.055.C.3.d 20.25H.180.C
	New or expanded public rights-of-way, private roads, access easements and driveways	20.25H.055.C.2 20.25H.080.A 20.25H.080.B	20.25H.055.C.2 20.25H.100		20.25H.055.C.2 20.25H.125	20.25H.055.C.2 20.25H.180.C 20.25H.180.D.4
	New or expanded bridges and culverts	20.25H.055.C.2 20.25H.055.C.3.e 20.25H.080.A	20.25H.055.C.2 20.25H.055.C.3.e 20.25H.100		20.25H.055.C.2 20.25H.055.C.3.e 20.25H.125	20.25H.055.C.2 20.25H.055.C.3.e 20.25H.180.C
	New or expanded private nonmotorized trails	20.25H.055.C.2 20.25H.055.C.3.f 20.25H.080.A	20.25H.055.C.2 20.25H.055.C.3.f 20.25H.100		20.25H.055.C.2 20.25H.055.C.3.f 20.25H.125	20.25H.055.C.2 ^{15,16} 20.25H.055.C.3.f 20.25H.180.C
	New or expanded City and public parks	20.25H.055.C.3.g 20.25H.080.A	20.25H.055.C.3.g 20.25H.100		20.25H.055.C.3.g 20.25H.125	20.25H.055.C.3.g 20.25H.180.C 20.25H.180.D.2
	Existing landscape maintenance ²	20.25H.055.C.3.h 20.25H.080.A	20.25H.055.C.3.h 20.25H.100		20.25H.055.C.3.h 20.25H.125	20.25H.055.C.3.h ¹⁷ 20.25H.180.C
	Vegetation management ⁶	20.25H.055.C.3.i 20.25H.080.A	20.25H.055.C.3.i 20.25H.100		20.25H.055.C.3.i 20.25H.125	20.25H.055.C.3.i 20.25H.180.C
	Habitat improvement projects	20.25H.055.C.3.j 20.25H.080.A	20.25H.055.C.3.j 20.25H.100		20.25H.055.C.3.j 20.25H.125	20.25H.055.C.3.j 20.25H.180.C
	Forest practices	20.25H.055.C.3.k 20.25H.080.A	20.25H.055.C.3.k 20.25H.100		20.25H.055.C.3.k 20.25H.125	20.25H.055.C.3.k 20.25H.180.C
	Aquaculture	20.25H.055.C.3.l 20.25H.080.A	20.25H.055.C.3.l 20.25H.100		20.25H.055.C.3.l	20.25H.055.C.3.l 20.25H.180.C
	Stabilization measures	20.25H.055.C.3.m 20.25H.080.A	20.25H.055.C.3.m 20.25H.100		20.25H.055.C.3.m 20.25H.125	20.25H.055.C.3.m ^{13, 15} 20.25H.180.C
	Expansion of existing single-family primary structures	20.25H.055.C.3.n 20.25H.080.A	20.25H.055.C.3.n 20.25H.100		20.25H.055.C.3.n 20.25H.125	20.25H.180.C ⁹ 20.25H.180.D.1
	Reasonable use exception ⁸	20.25H.080.A	20.25H.100		20.25H.125	20.25H.180.C 20.25H.180.D.7
	Recreational vehicle storage ¹⁰					20.25H.180.C 20.25H.180.D.6
	Moorage and					

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	docks associated with a residential use					Part 20.25E.065 ^{14, 15}
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Notes:

1. For purposes of this section, repair and maintenance includes replacement of facilities and systems, or expansion so long as the area of permanent disturbance of the critical area or critical area buffer is not expanded. As applicable to public rights-of-way, private roads, access easements, parking areas and driveways, repair and maintenance also includes removing and replacing improvements within the area of permanent disturbance, and expansion of paved areas, so long as the area of permanent disturbance within the critical area or critical area buffer is not expanded.
2. These uses do not require a Critical Areas Land Use Permit. The requirements of this part shall be applied through the review process applicable to the underlying use or activity.
3. In the event of a conflict between this section and the utilities code, the utilities code shall prevail.
4. Examples of public flood protection measures include, but are not limited to: flood control projects, flood damage reduction facilities such as levees, revetments, and pumping stations, streambank stabilization structures and surface water conveyance facilities, bridge piers and abutments.
5. Examples of instream structures include, but are not limited to: sediment ponds, instream ponds, dams, and weirs.
6. Permit requirements may vary. See subsection C.3.i of this section.
7. For geologic hazards other than coal mine hazard areas. Uses and performance standards for coal mine hazard areas set forth in LUC 20.25H.050.
8. Development authorized pursuant to a reasonable use exception, LUC 20.25H.190, shall incorporate the required performance standards to the maximum extent feasible.
9. In areas of special flood hazard located within shoreline jurisdiction, expansion of existing single-family homes and new single-family homes (including full replacement (i.e. teardowns) are allowed in the area of special flood hazard when developed in accordance with the Residential Shoreline Regulations, LUC 20.20E.065 (including the Shoreline Greenscape Conservation Standards and Requirements, LUC 20.25E.065.F), and also in accordance with the performance standards required by LUC 20.25H.180.C and D.1. A Critical Area Land Use Permit will be required.
10. Such storage is not allowed in critical areas or critical area buffers except within the area of special flood hazard in compliance with applicable performance standards.

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11. Authorized only in areas of the critical area buffer within areas of existing permanent disturbance, including, for example: paved or gravel surface parking areas, access drives, and other similar disturbed areas.
12. Refer to Part 20.25M LUC, Light Rail Overlay District, for specific requirements applicable to EPF defined as a Regional Light Rail Transit Facility or Regional Light Rail Transit System pursuant to LUC 20.25M.020. A conditional use permit is not required when the City Council has approved a Regional Light Rail Transit Facility or Regional Light Rail Transit System by resolution or ordinance, or by a development agreement authorized by Chapter 36.70B RCW and consistent with LUC 20.25M.030.B.1.
13. Authorized only in areas of special flood hazard located within shoreline jurisdiction and only when developed in accordance with LUC 20.25E.080.F.
14. Authorized only in areas of special flood hazard located within shoreline jurisdiction and only when developed in the aquatic environment in accordance with LUC 20.25E.065.
15. In areas of special flood hazard located within shoreline jurisdiction performance standards required by this section will be applied through the applicable permit required by Part 20.25E. LUC and do not require a Critical Areas Land Use Permit.
16. Authorized only in areas of special flood hazard located within shoreline jurisdiction and only when developed in accordance with LUC 20.25H.
17. In areas of special flood hazard located within shoreline jurisdiction, existing landscape maintenance and all modifications to landscaping and landscape features shall comply with the Shoreline Greenscape Conservation Standards and Requirements, LUC 20.25E.065.F, rather than this section.

Section 24. Section 20.25H.055.C.3.f of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

20.25H.055.C.3.f

- f. Private Nonmotorized Trails. New nonmotorized trails within the critical area or critical area buffer are limited to those accessing single-family residential moorage or serving nonresidential uses, multifamily residential uses and more than one single-family lot. Private nonmotorized trails shall comply with the performance standards for trails in subsection C.3.g of this section. Nothing in this section prohibits the creation of a soft surface nonmotorized trail in a critical area buffer on a single-family lot for use of the residents of that lot. Such trail shall not exceed four feet in width, and shall not involve the removal of any significant trees or bank-stabilizing roots. In stream and wetland buffers, trails shall not be generally parallel to the stream or wetland edge closer than a distance of 25 feet. Any clearing of brush or vegetation shall be the minimum necessary, and shall be with hand tools only.

Section 25. Section 20.25H.055.C.3.h of the Bellevue Land Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

20.25H.055.C.3.h

- h. Existing Landscape Maintenance. Routine maintenance of existing legally established landscaping and landscape features developed prior to August 1, 2006, in the critical area or critical area buffer may be continued in accordance with this section. For purposes of this section, "routine maintenance" includes mowing, pruning, weeding, planting annuals, perennials, fruits and vegetables, and other activities associated with maintaining a legally established ornamental or garden landscape and landscape features. Also, for purposes of this subsection, "landscape features" refers to fences, trellises, rockeries and retaining walls, pathways, arbors, patios, play areas and other similar improvements. To be considered routine maintenance, activities shall have been consistently carried out so that the ornamental species predominate over native or invasive species. Maintenance shall be performed with hand tools or light equipment only, and no significant trees may be removed, except in accordance with Vegetation Management under subsection C.3.i of this section. Use of fertilizers, insecticides, and pesticides is not recommended unless performed in accordance with the City of Bellevue's "Environmental best Management Practices" now or as hereafter amended.

Section 26. Section 20.25H.055.C.3.m of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

20.25H.055.C.3.m

- m. Stabilization Measures. Proposed stabilization measures within a critical area or critical area buffer to protect against streambank erosion or steep slopes or landslide hazards may be approved in accordance with this subsection. The performance standards of this part do not apply to shoreline stabilization measures in flood hazard critical areas when developed in accordance with LUC 20.25E.080.F.

Section 27. Section 20.25H.065 of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

20.25H.065 Uses and development within critical area buffer or critical area structure setback not allowed pursuant to LUC 20.25H.055.

This section applies to uses and development legally established within the critical area or critical area buffer prior to August 1, 2006, and which is not included as an allowed use or development in LUC 20.25H.055. See performance standards at LUC 20.25H.180 for provisions relating to the repair, remodeling, expansion or reconstruction of structures located in the area of special flood hazard. Any alterations to existing development allowed under this section shall also comply with provisions for the area of special flood hazard. In the event of conflict, the provisions that result in most protection for the critical area or critical area buffer shall govern.

A. Existing Primary Structures.

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Section 28. Section 20.25H.075.B.1 of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

20.25H.075.B.1 Designation of critical area and buffers.

B.1. Designation of Streams.

1. "Type S water" means all waters,, within their bankfull width, as inventoried as "shorelines of the state" under Chapter 90.58 RCW and the rules promulgated pursuant to Chapter 90.58 RCW including periodically inundated areas of their associated wetlands. As of [insert effective date of ordinance], the only known Type S waters are Lower Kelsey Creek and Mercer Slough.

Section 29. Section 20.25H.115 of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

VI. (RESERVED)

Section 30. Section 20.25H.118 of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby deleted.

Section 31. Section 20.25H.119 of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby deleted.

Section 32. Section 20.25H.150.D of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

20.25H.150.D Designation of critical area.

D. Designation of Critical Area for Naturally Occurring Ponds. The following critical area buffer is hereby established for naturally occurring ponds that are not classified as a stream or wetland:

Naturally occurring ponds where no other critical area designation applies: 35 feet.

Section 33. Section 20.25H.155 of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

20.25H.155 Uses in habitat for species of local importance.

The uses allowed in the underlying land use district are allowed within habitat associated with species of local importance, so long as the development complies with the performance standards of LUC 20.25H.160; provided, that fish habitat protection is presumed through compliance with performance standards contained in Part 20.25E LUC. This section does not allow modification of other critical areas of critical area buffers.

Section 34. Section 20.25H.210 of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

20.25H.210 Applicability.

Where a mitigation or restoration plan is required under this part , the plan shall be developed in accordance with the standards of LUC 20.25H.210 through 20.25H.225 inclusive. Any mitigation

or restoration plan shall be approved as part of the permit or approval required for the underlying activity. Where a project requires a critical areas report and a mitigation or restoration plan, the mitigation or restoration plan may be included with the critical areas report.

Section 35. Section 20.20.220.A of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

20.25H.220.A Mitigation and restoration plan requirements.

A. Plan Phases.

Where an applicant is seeking modifications to this part through a critical areas report pursuant to LUC 20.25H.230, the mitigation plan required for the proposal may be submitted in phases. A conceptual plan shall be submitted as part of the critical areas report and approved with the land use approval for the proposal. A detailed plan shall be approved prior to or with approval of the first permit or other approval required to perform work associated with the proposal.

Section 36. Section 20.25H.230 of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

20.25H.230 Critical areas report – Purpose.

A critical areas report is a mechanism by which the requirements of this part and the impervious surface standards set forth in LUC 20.20.010 may be modified for a specific proposal.

The critical areas report is intended to provide flexibility for sites where the expected critical area functions and values are not present due to degraded conditions or other unique site characteristics, or for proposals providing unique design or protection of critical area functions and values not anticipated by this part. The scope and complexity of information required in a critical areas report will vary, depending on the scope and complexity and magnitude of impact on critical areas and critical area buffers associated with the proposed development. Generally, the critical areas report must demonstrate that the proposal with the requested modifications leads to equivalent or better protection of critical area functions and values than would result from the application of the standard requirements. Where the proposal involves restoration of degraded conditions in exchange for a reduction in regulated critical area buffer on a site, the critical areas report must demonstrate a net increase in certain critical area functions.

Section 37. Section 20.25H.240 of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

20.25H.240 Critical areas report – Limitation on modifications.

The critical areas report may not be used to modify sections of the Land Use Code outside of this part unless otherwise expressly permitted. The critical areas report may not be used to modify the definitions of critical areas or definitions of stream types or wetland categories, or any other provision of this part that expressly prohibits modification. The critical areas report may not be used to modify streams or wetlands unless otherwise expressly permitted. Additional limitations on modifications for specific critical areas may be found in the sections of this part addressing that critical area.

Section 38. Section 20.25M.010.D.2 of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

20.25M.010.D General

D. Applicable Land Use Code Provisions.

2. Applicable Procedural and Administrative Sections Incorporated by Reference.

Predictability and certainty with respect to procedural Land Use Code requirements ensures effectiveness of permit review and that the level of public participation for individual RLRT Facility applications occurs consistently across all land use districts and overlay areas of the City. The following procedural and administrative sections of the Land Use Code are expressly incorporated into the provisions of this Chapter 20.25M and apply to an RLRT Facility:

- a. LUC 20.25E.100 through 20.25E.200 – Shoreline Overlay District Procedures and Permits
- b. LUC 20.25E.250 through 270 – Shoreline Overlay District Administration and Enforcement
- c. Chapter 20.35 LUC – Review and Procedures
- d. Chapter 20.40 LUC – Administration and Enforcement sections as follows:
 - i. LUC 20.40.010 through 20.40.080; and
 - ii. LUC 20.40.500 through 510.
- e. Chapter 20.50 LUC – Definitions.

Section 39. Section 20.25M.030.D of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

20.25M.030.D Required Permits

D. Shoreline Substantial Development Permit and Variance

1. Any RLRT Facility proposed or located in the Shoreline Overlay District (Part 20.25E LUC) shall comply with the Shoreline Substantial Development Permit (SSDP) requirements of LUC 20.25E.100 and .160. Application for a SSDP shall be processed independently of any application for Design and Mitigation approval under this chapter. Application for a SSDP shall be subject to the decision criteria of LUC 20.25E.150 and .160.
2. For properties lying within the Shoreline Overlay District, the City may approve a request to exceed the allowable height limit established by LUC 20.25E.050 through the Variance to the Shoreline Master Program process allowed pursuant to LUC20.25E.100 and .120. Application for a shoreline variance shall be subject to the decision criteria of LUC 20.25E.150 and .190.

Section 40. Chapter 20.30 – Table of Contents - of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 20.30

PERMITS AND DECISIONS

Sections:

Part 20.30A Rezone

20.30A.110	Scope
20.30A.115	Applicability
20.30A.120	Purpose
20.30A.140	Decision criteria
20.30A.145	Limitation on authority
20.30A.150	Map change
20.30A.155	Concomitant agreement

Part 20.30B Conditional Use Permit

20.30B.110	Scope
20.30B.115	Applicability
20.30B.120	Purpose
20.30B.140	Decision criteria
20.30B.160	Merger with Binding Site Plan
20.30B.165	Periodic review
20.30B.170	Modification/revocation
20.30B.175	Modification or addition to an approved project or decision

Part 20.30C (Reserved)

Part 20.30D Planned Unit Development

20.30D.110	Scope
20.30D.115	Applicability
20.30D.120	Purpose
20.30D.150	Planned Unit Development plan – Decision criteria
20.30D.160	Planned Unit Development plan – Conservation feature and recreation space requirement
20.30D.165	Planned Unit Development plan – Request for modification of zoning requirements
20.30D.167	Planned Unit Development – Additional bonus density for large-parcel projects
20.30D.170	Planned Unit Development plan – Limitation on authority to modify zoning
20.30D.175	Planned Unit Development plan – Authorized activity
20.30D.195	Planned Unit Development plan – Merger with subdivision
20.30D.200	Planned Unit Development plan – Effect of approval
20.30D.250	Planned Unit Development plan – Phased development
20.30D.255	Planned Unit Development plan – Map designation
20.30D.280	Merger with Binding Site Plan
20.30D.285	Amendment of an approved Planned Unit Development

Part 20.30E Administrative Conditional Use Permit

20.30E.110	Scope
20.30E.115	Applicability
20.30E.120	Purpose
20.30E.140	Decision criteria
20.30E.160	Merger with Binding Site Plan
20.30E.165	Periodic review
20.30E.170	Modification/revocation
20.30E.175	Modification or addition to an approved project or decision

Part 20.30F Design Review

20.30F.110	Scope
20.30F.115	Applicability
20.30F.116	City Council Design Review
20.30F.120	Purpose
20.30F.125	Who may apply
20.30F.145	Decision criteria
20.30F.165	Merger with Binding Site Plan
20.30F.170	Planning Commission Design Review
20.30F.175	Modification or addition to an approved Design Review project or decision
20.30F.180	Recording required

Part 20.30G Variance from the Land Use Code

20.30G.110	Scope
20.30G.115	Applicability
20.30G.120	Purpose
20.30G.140	Decision criteria
20.30G.150	Limitation on authority

Part 20.30H (Reserved)

Part 20.30I Amendment and Review of the Comprehensive Plan

20.30I.110	Scope and background
20.30I.115	Applicable process
20.30I.120	Purpose
20.30I.130	Initiation of amendment proposals
20.30I.140	Threshold review decision criteria
20.30I.150	Final review decision criteria

Part 20.30J Amendments to the Text of the Land Use Code

20.30J.110	Scope
20.30J.115	Applicability
20.30J.120	Purpose
20.30J.125	Who may initiate
20.30J.130	Applicable procedure
20.30J.135	Decision criteria

Part 20.30K Interpretation of the Land Use Code

20.30K.110	Scope
20.30K.115	Applicability
20.30K.120	Purpose
20.30K.130	Applicable procedure
20.30K.135	Submittal requirements
20.30K.140	Factors for consideration
20.30K.150	Effect of interpretation
20.30K.155	Time limitation

Part 20.30M Temporary Use Permit

20.30M.110	Scope
20.30M.115	Applicability
20.30M.120	Purpose
20.30M.125	Applicable procedure
20.30M.130	Who may apply
20.30M.140	Decision criteria
20.30M.145	Time limitation
20.30M.150	Limitation on activity
20.30M.155	Removal of temporary use
20.30M.160	Abatement of temporary use
20.30M.170	Screening of off-site construction parking areas

Part 20.30N Home Occupation Permit

20.30N.110	Scope
20.30N.115	Applicability
20.30N.120	Purpose
20.30N.125	Who may apply

20.30N.140	Decision criteria
20.30N.145	Conditions
20.30N.150	Time limitation
20.30N.155	Quarterly report
20.30N.160	Revocation of Home Occupation Permit
20.30N.165	Assurance device

Part 20.30P Critical Areas Land Use Permit

20.30P.110	Scope
20.30P.115	Applicability
20.30P.120	Purpose
20.30P.125	Who may apply
20.30P.130	Applicable procedure
20.30P.140	Decision criteria
20.30P.150	Time limitation
20.30P.155	Extension
20.30P.160	Assurance device
20.30P.170	Hold harmless
20.30P.180	Critical area report – Additional review procedures

Part 20.30R (Reserved)

Part 20.30S Vendor Cart Permit

20.30S.110	Scope
20.30S.115	Applicability
20.30S.120	Purpose
20.30S.125	Applicable procedure
20.30S.130	Who may apply
20.30S.135	Submittal requirements
20.30S.140	Decision criteria

Part 20.30T Reasonable Accommodation

20.30T	Reasonable accommodation
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Part 20.30U Temporary Encampment Permit

20.30U.110	Scope
20.30U.115	Applicability
20.30U.120	Who may apply
20.30U.121	Submittal requirements
20.30U.122	Applicable procedures
20.30U.125	Use requirements
20.30U.127	Hardship exception
20.30U.130	Decision criteria
20.30U.135	Revocation of Temporary Encampment Permit

Part 20.30V Master Development Plan

20.30V.110	Scope
20.30V.115	Applicability
20.30V.120	Purpose
20.30V.130	Phasing plan
20.30V.140	Binding Site Plan
20.30V.150	Decision criteria
20.30V.160	Modification or addition to an approved Master Development Plan
20.30V.170	Land area computation
20.30V.180	Recording required
20.30V.190	Extended vesting period for Master Development Plans and associated Design Review approval

Section 41. Part 20.30C of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Part 20.30C (Reserved)

Section 42. Part 20.30H of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Part 20.30H (Reserved)

Section 43. Part 20.30R of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Part 20.30R (Reserved)

Section 44. Section 20.35.015 of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

20.35.015 Framework for decisions.

- A. Land use decisions, other than decisions on applications for Shoreline Conditional Use Permits, Shoreline Substantial Development Permits, and Variances to the Shoreline Master Program, are classified into five processes based on who makes the decision, the amount of discretion exercised by the decisionmaker, the level of impact associated with the decision, the amount and type of public input sought, and the type of appeal opportunity. Refer to LUC 20.25E.100-.200 for procedures, permits, and decisions related to Shoreline Conditional Use Permits, Shoreline Substantial Development Permits, and Variances to the Shoreline Master Program.
- B. Process I decisions are quasi-judicial decisions made by the Hearing Examiner on project applications. The following types of applications require a Process I decision:
 - 1. Conditional Use Permits (CUPs);
 - 2. Preliminary Subdivision Approval (Plat); and
 - 3. Planned Unit Development (PUD) Approval; provided, that applications for CUPs, preliminary plats, and PUDs, within the jurisdiction of a Community Council pursuant to RCW 35.14.040, shall require a Process III decision.
- C. Process II decisions are administrative land use decisions made by the Director. Threshold determinations under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) made by the Environmental Coordinator and Sign Code variances are also Process II decisions. (See the Environmental Procedures Code, BCC 22.02.034, and Sign Code, BCC 22B.10.180.) The following types of applications require a Process II decision:
 - 1. Administrative amendments;
 - 2. Administrative Conditional Use;
 - 3. Design Review;

4. Home Occupation Permit;
 5. Interpretation of the Land Use Code;
 6. Preliminary Short Plat;
 7. Variance;
 8. Critical Area Land Use Permits;
 9. Master Development Plans;
 10. Design and Mitigation Permits required pursuant to the Light Rail Overlay Part 20.25M LUC; and
 11. Review under State Environment Policy Act (SEPA) when not consolidated with another permit.
- D. Process III decisions are quasi-judicial decisions made by the City Council. The following types of applications require a Process III decision:
1. Site-specific or project-specific rezone;
 2. Conditional Use, Preliminary Plat, and Planned Unit Development projects subject to the jurisdiction of a Community Council pursuant to RCW 35.14.040; and
 3. A rezone of any property to the OLB-OS Land Use District designation.
- E. *(Process IV decisions – no change)*
- F. *(Process V decisions – no change)*
- G. *(Other types of land use applications and decisions made by the Director – no change)*

Section 45. Section 20.35.020 of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

20.35.020 Pre-application conferences.

A pre-application conference is required prior to submitting an application for Conditional Use Permits, preliminary subdivision approval, planned unit developments, Master Development Plans, Design and Mitigation Permits required pursuant to the Light Rail Overlay Part 20.25M LUC, and Design Review projects, unless waived by the Director.

Section 46. Section 20.35.070 of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

20.35.070 Appeal of City land use decisions to Superior Court.

- A. General. A final City decision on a land use permit application (Processes I through III and V) may be appealed to Superior Court by filing a land use petition meeting the requirements set forth in Chapter 36.70C RCW. The petition must be filed and served upon all necessary parties as set forth in state law and within the 21-day time period as set forth in RCW 36.70C.040. Notwithstanding the provisions of this paragraph, the time for filing an appeal of a final Process II land use action that has been merged with a Process I or III application will be tolled until the Process I or III decisions are final. Requirements for fully exhausting City administrative appeal opportunities, if any are available, must be fulfilled.
- B. A final City action on a legislative nonproject land use proposal (Process IV) may be appealed by petition to the Growth Management Hearings Board as set forth in LUC 20.35.440.C and RCW 36.70A.290.

Section 47. Section 20.35.150.D of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

20.35.150.D Appeal of Hearing Examiner decision.

D. Effect of Decision.

The decision of the City Council on the application is the final decision of the City and may be appealed to Superior Court as provided in LUC 20.35.070.

Section 48. Section 20.35.200.C of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

20.35.200.C Process II: Administrative decisions.

- C. Process II decisions of the Director and SEPA threshold determinations are final decisions, effective on the day following the expiration of any associated administrative appeal period, except that for projects where no person or entity submitted comments prior to the date the final decision was issued pursuant to LUC 20.35.250.A.1, the Process II decision is a final decision effective on the date of issuance. If an administrative appeal is filed by a person or entity that submitted comments prior to the date the final decision was issued as set forth in LUC 20.35.250.A.1, the decision is not final until the appeal is heard and decided by the City Hearing Examiner, or the Growth Management Hearings Board pursuant to LUC 20.35.250.C and RCW 36.70A.290.

Section 49. Section 20.35.210, Table 20.35.210.A, of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

20.35.210 Notice of application.

- A. Notice of application for Process II land use decisions shall be provided within 14 days of issuance of a notice of completeness as follows:

Table 20.35.210.A

Application Type	Publish	Mail	Sign
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Administrative Amendment	X	X	X
Administrative Conditional Use	X	X	X
Design Review	X	X	X
Home Occupation Permit	X	X	
Interpretation of Land Use Code	X		
Preliminary Short Plat	X	X	X
Variance	X	X	
Critical Areas Land Use Permit	X	X	
SEPA Review (when not consolidated with another permit)	X		

Section 50. Section 20.35.250 of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

20.35.250 Appeal of Process II decisions.

A. Process II decisions, except for SEPA Threshold Determinations on Process IV actions, may be appealed as follows:

1. Who May Appeal. The project applicant or any person who submitted written comments prior to the date the decision was issued may appeal the decision.
2. Form of Appeal. A person appealing a Process II decision must file a written statement setting forth:
 - a. Facts demonstrating that the person is adversely affected by the decision;
 - b. A concise statement identifying each alleged error and the manner in which the decision fails to satisfy the applicable decision criteria;
 - c. The specific relief requested; and
 - d. Any other information reasonably necessary to make a decision on the appeal.

The written statement must be filed together with an appeal notification form available from the Office of the City Clerk. The appellant must pay such appeal fee, if any, as established by ordinance or resolution at the time the appeal is filed.

3. Time and Place to Appeal. The written statement of appeal, the appeal notification form, and the appeal fee, if any, must be received by the City Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on the 14th day following the date of publication of the decision of the Director; except that if the Director's decision is consolidated with a threshold Determination of Nonsignificance under the State Environmental Policy Act for which a comment period pursuant to WAC 197-11-340 must be provided, the appeal period for the consolidated decision shall be 21 days.

B. SEPA Threshold Determinations on Process IV and Process V Actions.

1. Process IV. An appeal of a SEPA threshold determination on a Process IV action shall be filed together with an appeal of the underlying Process IV action. The appeal shall be by petition to the Growth Management Hearings Board and shall be filed within the 60-day time period set forth in RCW 36.70A.290.
2. Process V. An appeal of a SEPA threshold determination on a Process V action shall be filed together with an appeal of the underlying Process V action. The appeal shall be as set forth in LUC 20.35.070 and 20.35.540.

C. Notice of Appeal Hearing.

If a Process II decision is appealed, a hearing before the City Hearing Examiner shall be set and notice of the hearing shall be mailed to the appellant, the applicant, and all parties of record by the applicable Department Director. Notice shall be mailed no less than 14 days prior to the appeal hearing; except that if the Process II decision has been consolidated with a recommendation on a Process I or Process III application, any appeal of the Process II decision shall be consolidated with the Process I or Process III public hearing. No separate notice of a Process II appeal need be provided if the public hearing has already been scheduled for the Process I or Process III component of an application.

D. Hearing Examiner Hearing.

The Hearing Examiner shall conduct an open record hearing on a Process II appeal. The appellant, the applicant, and the City shall be designated parties to the appeal. Each party may participate in the appeal hearing by presenting testimony or calling witnesses to present testimony. Interested persons, groups, associations, or other entities who have not appealed may participate only if called by one of the parties to present information; provided, that the Examiner may allow nonparties to present relevant testimony if allowed under the Examiner's Rules of Procedure.

E. Hearing Examiner Decision on Appeal.

Within 10 working days after the close of the record for the Process II appeal, the Hearing Examiner shall issue a decision to grant, grant with modifications, or deny the appeal. The Examiner may grant the appeal or grant the appeal with modification if:

1. The appellant has carried the burden of proof; and
2. The Examiner finds that the Process II decision is not supported by a preponderance of the evidence.

The Hearing Examiner shall accord substantial weight to the decision of the applicable Department Director and the Environmental Coordinator.

F. Appeal of Hearing Examiner Decision.

A final decision by the Hearing Examiner on a Process II application may be appealed to Superior Court as set forth in LUC 20.35.070.

G. Time Period to Complete Appeal Process.

In all cases except where the parties to an appeal have agreed to an extended time period, the administrative appeal process shall be completed within 90 days from the date the original administrative appeal period closed. Administrative appeals shall be deemed complete on the date of issuance of the Hearing Examiner's decision on the appeal.

Section 51. Section 20.40.500.A.1 of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

20.40.500.A Vesting and expiration of vested status of land use permits and approvals.

A. Vesting for Permits and Approvals.

1. Permits and Approvals Other than Subdivisions and Short Subdivisions and Shoreline Permits. Applications for all land use permits and approvals except subdivisions and short subdivisions and shoreline permits (Shoreline Conditional Use, Shoreline Substantial Development Permit, and Variance to the Shoreline Master Program) shall be considered under the Land Use Code and other land use control ordinances in effect on the date that a fully complete Building Permit application, meeting the requirements of BCC 23.05.090E and F, is filed. Vesting provisions for Shoreline Permits are provided in LUC 20.25E.250.C. If a complete Building Permit application is not filed, the land use permit or approval shall become vested to the provisions of the Land Use Code upon the date of the City's final decision on the land use permit or approval.

Section 52. Section 20.40.500.B.1 of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

20.40.500.B Vesting and expiration of vested status of land use permits and approvals.

B. Expiration of Vested Status of Land Use Permit or Approval.

1. The vested status of a land use permit or approval shall expire as provided in subsection B.2 of this section; provided, that:
 - a. Variances shall run with the land in perpetuity if recorded with King County Department of Records and Elections within 60 days following the City's final action; and
 - b. Critical Areas Land Use Permits shall expire as set forth in LUC 20.30P.150; and
 - c. Lots in a subdivision or short subdivision shall be vested against changes in the Land Use Code, except for changes that address a serious threat to the public health or safety as found by the City Council when such change is adopted, for a period of five years following the date of recording of the final plat or final short plat; and
 - d. The time period established pursuant to subsection B.2 of this section shall not include the time during which an activity was not actively pursued due to the pendency of litigation which may materially affect rights of the applicant for the permit or approval related to that permit or approval.

e. Expiration of Shoreline Permits shall occur pursuant to LUC 20.25E.250.C.

Section 53. Section 20.50.010 of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended to delete the definition of “Agricultural Lands, Prime”.

20.50.010 A definitions.

Agricultural Lands, Prime. Soils for crop production with little or no limitations, or hazards, for crop production. This definition does not apply with the Shoreline Overlay District (refer to LUC 20.25E.280 – “Agricultural Land”).

Section 54. Section 20.50.012 of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended to delete the definition of “Boathouse”.

Section 55. Section 20.50.012 of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended to revise the definition of “Building Height” to read as follows:

20.50.012 B definitions.

Building Height. The vertical distance measured from the average elevation of the finished grade around the building or building segment to the highest point of a flat roof, or to the mean height between the eaves and ridge of a pitched roof. Specifically excluded from this definition and from the regulation of maximum building height are structural elements not intended for habitation and not exceeding 15 feet above the maximum building height including penthouses for mechanical and elevator equipment, chimneys, wireless communication facility antenna arrays, smoke and ventilation stacks, flag poles, mechanical and elevator equipment, and parapet walls designed solely to screen mechanical and elevator equipment. This definition does not apply to projects located within a Transition Area Design District (refer to LUC 20.25B.040), the Shoreline Overlay District (refer to LUC 20.25E.280 – “Height”), Single-Family Land Use Districts (refer to the definition of Building Height – Single-Family Land Use Districts contained in this section; see also LUC 20.10.440, Note (16)), and to the F1 Land Use District (refer to LUC 20.25F1.040, Footnote (6)).

Section 56. Section 20.50.014 of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended to revise the definition of “Community Club” to read as follows:

20.50.014 C definitions.

Community Club. A formally constituted nonprofit association or corporation made up of the residents of a given area. This definition does not apply with the Shoreline Overlay District (refer to LUC 20.25E.280 – “Community Club”).

Section 57. Section 20.50.016 of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended to revise the definition of “Development” to read as follows:

20.50.016 D definitions.

Development. All structures and other modifications of the natural landscape above and below ground or water, on a particular site. For the purposes of Part 20.25E LUC, regulation for the

Shoreline Overlay District, a different definition is used. See “Shoreline Development” in LUC 20.25E.280.

Section 58. Section 20.50.020 of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended to revise the definition of “Fair Market Value” to read as follows:

20.50.020 F definitions.

Fair Market Value. The expected price at which the development can be sold to a willing buyer. For developments which involve nonstructural operations such as dredging, drilling, dumping, or filling, the fair market value is the expected cost of hiring a contractor to perform the operation or where no such value can be calculated, the total of labor, equipment use, transportation, and other costs incurred for the duration of the permitted project. This definition does not apply with the Shoreline Overlay District (refer to LUC 20.25E.280 – “Fair Market Value”).

Section 59. Section 20.50.020 of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended to revise the definition of “Fill” to read as follows:

20.50.020 F definitions.

Fill. A solid material which increases ground surface elevation. This definition does not apply with the Shoreline Overlay District (refer to LUC 20.25E.280 – “Fill”).

Section 60. Section 20.50.040 of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended to delete the definition of “Ordinary High Water Mark”.

Section 61. Section 20.50.046 of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended to delete the definition of “Shoreland, Shoreline”.

Section 62. Section 20.50.046 of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended to revise the definition of “Structure” to read as follows:

20.50.046 S definitions.

Structure. A combination of materials constructed and erected permanently on or under the ground or attached to something having a permanent location on or under the ground. Not included are residential fences, retaining walls less than 30 inches in height, rockeries less than 30 inches in height and similar improvements of a minor character. For the purposes of Part 20.25E LUC, regulations for the Shoreline Overlay District, a different definition applies. See LUC 20.25E.280 – “Structure”.

Section 63. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining parts of this ordinance.

Section 64. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force **five/thirty (5/30)** days after legal publication.

PASSED by the City Council this _____ day of _____, 201____, and signed in authentication of its passage this _____ day of _____, 201____.

(SEAL)

Conrad Lee, Mayor

Approved as to form:

Lori M. Riordan, City Attorney

Attest:

Myrna L. Basich, City Clerk

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